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“The Lantern”

September 2019

Greetings from your Pastor . . .

Learning About God

Each year a large part of humanity starts back to school in September, either to preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, college or beyond. For the most part we are grateful for the privilege to learn. But at every level we choose what it is we will learn. Some things are fundamental; we start very young to lay a foundation upon which to build. The same is true of our religious life! As a parent you would never think to not send your child to school where they will learn to read and wrote and do simple arithmetic. Yet each year parents across America fail to see that even from an early age learning about God also needs a foundation.

You may think the biblical stories children learn are just colorful stories designed to entertain, but they are so much more. The story of Noah and the ark is so colorful and fun, but it teaches that God's promises are to be believed. That, my friends, is a fundamental corner stone of religious life. This year do everything possible to see that the children you are responsible for begin and continue in the process that leads to growth in our relationship with God. Also remember that learning is a lifelong experience. We don't at any time graduate from the process. In the Sunday school mailings older youth will learn journal writing and young ones will learn the Lord's prayer.

Starting September 16th at 10 AM we invite all available adults to participate in the process of faith sharing and growth by gathering here at church in the coffee hour room to share and learn from one another. (More information is on page 2 of the newsletter.)

Pastor McKinley

**WELCOME
BACK!**



September 8, 2019

Blessing of the Backpacks!

There will be a church picnic following the service!

Pastor will supply the hotdogs and rolls. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.

We will have a sign up sheet just to determine how many will be attending and what you intend to bring so we can have enough food for everyone!

We hope to see you all there!



Celebrations September

Birthdays:

5th ~ Walter Rieger

9th ~ Brian Camp

9th ~ Kelly Camp

9th ~ Kari Novatin

12th ~ David Coppola

16th ~ Doris Estelle

21st ~ Charles Turansky

24th ~ Suzanne O'Donnell

25th ~ Margaret Coppola

Anniversaries:

11th ~ Walter & Dianne Rieger

18th ~ Rick & Cherylann Gerhard

22nd ~ Philip & Carole Hepp

Servers for September

Lay Asst.:

1st: Todd Engle ~ 8th: Roberta McGilvery ~ 15th: Terry Stahlhut ~

22nd: Kris Calabro ~ 29th Roberta McGilvery

Lector:

1st: Sharon Rollier ~ 8th: Steven Lance ~ 15th: Todd Engle ~

22nd: Kris Calabro ~ 29th: Roberta McGilvery

Ushers:

1st: Lana Hyer & Eva LaBrozzi ~ 8th: Carole Hepp & Sharon Rollier ~

15th: Millie Martin & Roberta McGilvery ~ 22nd: Scott & Kim Brown ~

29th: Tom & Jane Grogan

Building a New Life in Christ

Everyone home during the day - we're starting a support group of faith on Mondays starting on September 16th, at 10:00AM in the Coffee Hour room.

In Memory of Jim Mechtel we'll begin by sharing our journeys of faith. Digging deep into our memories, when do we first remember hearing about Jesus, and how did it make you feel? What are our early memories of God?

It's a place to start. There will be refreshments, and we can make plans. Maybe there's a different day to meet or a special topic you'd like to explore. The important part is that we'll be there for each other, giving support, and calling on the direction and strength of the Holy Spirit to guide us. Hope to see you all there.

Pastor McKinley



Writer's Corner



By: James Mechtel

St. Paul wrote letters to his Christian brothers and sisters when he could not visit with them. Likewise, I am writing to you as I am unable to visit you. I always have you in my prayers and think of you often.

I have been gathering thoughts on articles about contemplation and meditation. One on contemplation is the concept of strength. Strength is only known by testing. A thread or wire is said to be strong but it needs tested to know, or we can rely on a trusted source that it will support 50 pounds. When we use it to hold up 25 pounds we know that it will hold. The important thing is not the testing, but the knowing.

To test God is a sin as it belies our trust in Him, He does test us.

Abraham was tested to be willing to sacrifice his son. God accepted his willingness and gave him more heirs than stars in the sky. Poor Job was tested beyond reason. He never blamed God, but he did question Him as to why. He proved to be faithful and trusting, God tests us, but not beyond our endurance.

Another concept is about the bodies we have been given with 5 senses. The sense of taste is not just on the tongue, but it uses all our senses and mind. It involves the whole body. Hearing uses the crunch of a pickle or chips, sight helps by viewing favorite or delicious food, touch is the feeling on the tongue like a fine pudding, taste is the sweet, sour and salty sense, odor is the smell of the food (try tasting anything holding your nose closed), and the mind anticipating a favorite food by watering the mouth before it enters the mouth. When the food or drink is swallowed there is no more taste — only the memory of it.

In memory of James Mechtel



Thank You Corner!

Thank you Jeff for the beautiful new summer banners you have donated for the church in memory of Anita Paerg. Another beautiful addition to our banner collection.

Roxanne

Immanuel's Website Update!

Jeff has been busy at work updating our website, not an easy task! But thanks to his eye for detail and ability to navigate around the website editing page, he has created a very nice website for you!

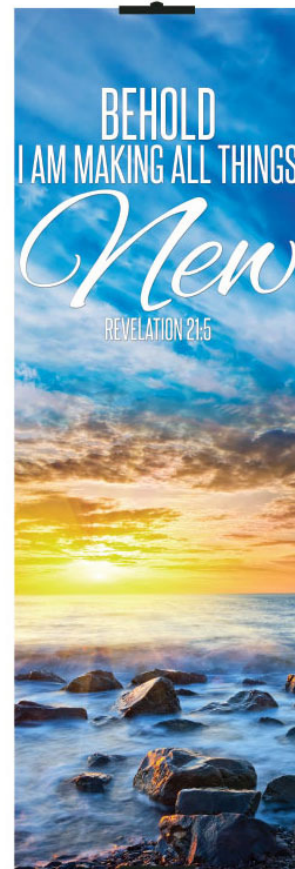
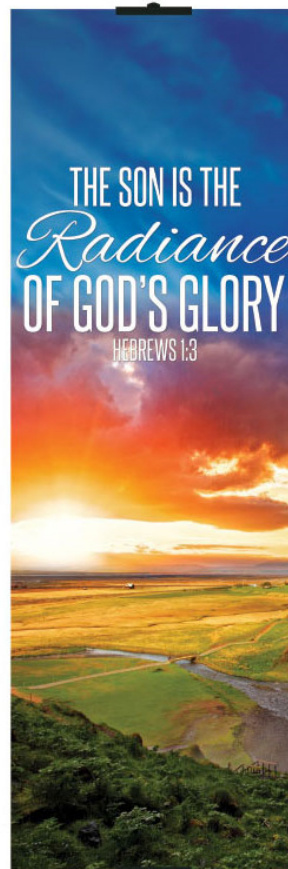
If you have any suggestions or ideas they are more than welcome.

Just drop Jeff an email at:

organmaster214@aol.com

Don't forget to check it out!!!! Thank you!

*Website: **www.ilutheran.net***



Bell Ringers Needed!

I am currently seeking handbell ringers for our Reformation & Christmas services this year.

No experience necessary!

All you need to know is your right hand from your left, and how to count!

Rehearsals will begin in September.



Please contact or see Jeff if you are interested or have any questions.



August 7, 2019

To: **William Palzer**
145 Savannah Road
Jackson, NJ 08327

From: George Miller, Recognition NLAS

RE: **God and Life Award**

The Recognitions Committee, on behalf of the National Lutheran Association on Scouting, is pleased to recognize the noteworthy honor that has been bestowed upon you in receiving the prestigious **God and Life Award**, given by the Lutheran Church, and recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. Enclosed is a Certificate of Commendation from the Association.

We congratulate you on your efforts and encourage you to further your journey with Christ and your church.

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Congratulations!



**THE NATIONAL
LUTHERAN ASSOCIATION
ON SCOUTING**

**CERTIFICATE
OF
COMMENDATION**

presented to

William Palzer

On receiving the **God and Life Religious Award**, which recognizes the study of faith which encourages you to further your journey with Christ.

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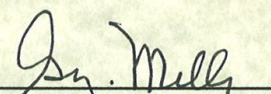
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GOD AND LIFE

AWARD


George Miller, Recognition Chairman



2019



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June 19, 2019

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TO: Congregation Treasurer:

As you likely know, I will retire from my position as Assistant to the Bishop and Stewardship Specialist at the end of this month. I want to express my deep gratitude for your leadership among the people of your congregations and the partnership we have shared in advancing God's work in the world. I share my appreciation for what the gifts from Immanuel Lutheran Church mean to the support of the ministries of the New Jersey Synod. But equal to the monetary value, I so greatly appreciate the interdependence that is reflected through these gifts. I thank you.

The challenges to the church at times seem daunting, but knowing we have the support of congregations like Immanuel Lutheran Church certainly affirms that we neither walk this path alone nor do we lack the resources needed to change lives, transform communities, and renew the church.

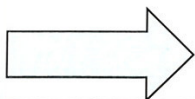
I have attached two important documents to this Gift Tracker. First, is a summary sheet that interprets how the New Jersey Synod directs the gifts shared by your congregation. Second is a review of the 7 Mission Support Aspirations that were endorsed by the New Jersey Synod at our Assembly on June 7.

Please know of the thankfulness and appreciation of all your ministry partners for your generous living.

Gratefully,

Rev. Scott C. Schantzenbach

MISSION SUPPORT GIFT TRACKER



\$5,100.00	2019 Mission Support Intent
\$2,550.00	Projected Second Quarter Sharing [= (Intent/12) x 6]
\$1,700.00	Actual Gifts Received by NJ Synod End of May
\$850.00	"Keepin' On-Pace" gift for June

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WHERE DOES MY OFFERING GO?

MEMBER OFFERINGS

CONGREGATION

NEW JERSEY SYNOD

In 2020, we anticipate that members of our 160 congregations will share **\$1,751,291** in Mission Support with the New Jersey Synod. This represents the largest portion of the Synod operating budget of **\$2,043,991**, which includes additional income from investments, grants, and certain designated gifts.

IN 2020, YOUR MISSION SUPPORT OFFERINGS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO:

Grow the ELCA and MINISTRY PARTNERS



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10 Partners in ministry are supported by this portion of our Synod Spending Plan. Half of our Mission Support is shared with the ELCA Churchwide organization. 9 additional ministry partners in New Jersey and our region grow as a result from the financial support offered through our gifts.

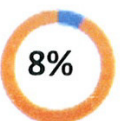
Strengthen CONGREGATIONS



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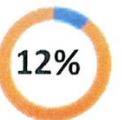
The 160 Congregations and 156 pastors under call in the New Jersey Synod find resources, networks, and support for faith formation, stewardship, justice, multicultural ministry, discipleship, witness, and communication through Synod Mission Teams and Assistants to the Bishop.

Accompany NEW, RE-DEVELOPING, and STRATEGIC CONGREGATIONS



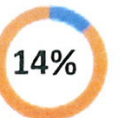
Together we support 5 new and 4 redeveloping and 3 strategically sensitive venues for ministry along with 9 CMC congregations. Among these partners we count our mission initiatives in Elizabeth, Passaic, Ridgefield, Jersey City, Brick, Springfield, Trenton, Camden, and Newark.

Provide leadership for MISSION through the OFFICE OF THE BISHOP



The Bishop seeks unity in faith and common mission among the expressions of this church. Our Bishop manages the roster and the calls of leaders and candidates for ordained ministry. She strengthens our Lutheran identity and facilitates common action among communities of other faiths.

Engage in OVERSIGHT and PLANNING for Synod Ministries



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MISSION CLUSTERS

The Synod organizes lay and clergy leaders to serve on governance boards and committees that provide guidance and oversight for our ministries. We provide facilities, equipment and human resources for staff and operations of the New Jersey Synod.



Congregations act as stewards, accountable for managing our corporate life and life's resources for God's purposes. We encourage cheerful, asset-based, first-fruits, proportionate living and giving in all areas of our communal life.

The current practices of the New Jersey Synod, and the aspirations from Synod Assemblies in 1994 and 2002 are captured on this page. This generous and interdependent spirit is commended for consideration by each Congregation.

Aspiration #1

Mission Support Sharing is a First-Fruits Gift
The New Jersey Synod and our congregations make decisions about mission sharing first, before other budgetary decisions are made and, as a matter of priority, send gifts for Synod/Churchwide Mission Support and designated benevolences on a monthly basis.

Aspiration #2

Mission Support Sharing is Proportional
The New Jersey Synod and our congregations share proportionately from their resources to support the mission work of the Synod and ELCA Churchwide Units.

Aspiration #3

10% is the Base Level of Mission Support Sharing in New Jersey Congregations
Congregations strive to share a minimum of 10 percent of their unrestricted income for Synod/Churchwide Mission Support moving as they are able toward sharing 25% for mission beyond the local parish.

Aspiration #4

50% is the Base Level of New Jersey Synod Sharing with ELCA Churchwide
The New Jersey Synod shares 50% of our unrestricted income for mission and ministry with the ELCA Churchwide organization.

Aspiration #5

New Jersey Synod and our Congregations Tithe Unrestricted Bequests
The Synod and our Congregations tithe (give 10%) of unrestricted bequests for mission beyond the local setting, as a continuing example of first-fruits, proportionate giving and sharing.

Aspiration #6

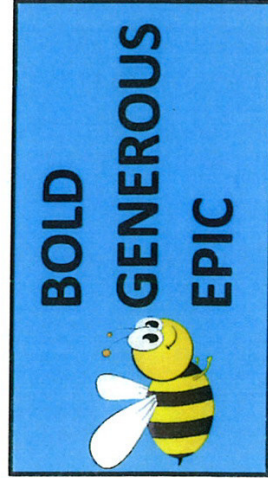
New Jersey Synod Congregations Annually Support the Clergy Compensation Aid Fund.
Congregations strive to share 1% of their pastor's defined compensation with the Compensation Aid Fund to support congregations who lack capacity to properly support their pastor, to relieve education debt, and to respond to financial emergencies.

Aspiration #7

Congregations Annually Support the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

Generosity Creates Community

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www.njsynod.org/emu
609-586-6800





Food Pantry

UPDATE:

The food pantry continues to remain busy. For July we helped 56 families which totaled 244 people. I would like to thank Annette, Cherylann, Eleanor, Hilde, Joan, and Sharon for donating their time during the week, and the congregation for their donations to keep the food pantry running. We also had new helpers over the last 2 weeks, my daughter Shannon, and my neighbor Colette Grisanzio, and her daughter Victoria. My brothers Ross and Will brought their daughters Addison, Juliana, and Stella Grace to help make up the book bags to give out the last week in August. We had to buy a new refrigerator for the food pantry in July to replace the one we had donated from Fulfill. Turkey sign ups will start in September since Fulfill needs a total by mid-October.

Thank you for all of your continued support

Scott Brown



Pantry Hours & Dates

September 12th & 26th

10:00 AM to 12 noon



L to R Addison, Juliana, Stella Grace

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